

# Renton Library Advisory Board



## Meeting Minutes

Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

December 15, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Laurie Beden called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

#### **In Attendance**

Members/Staff:

Laurie Beden, Amy Pieper, Erica Richey, Suzi Ure

#### **Staff**

City of Renton: Terry Higashiyama, Diane Wagner

KCLS: Angelina Benedetti

#### **Absent**

Catherine Ploue-Smith, Board Member

Marty Wine, City of Renton

#### **Others Present**

Jeanne Thorsen, KCLS Foundation Executive Director

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Amy Pieper and seconded by Erica Richey to approve the Agenda. All were in favor, motion carried, Agenda approved.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Laurie recommended an adjustment to the Minutes as follows: Section VII, remove the letter "s" from the word "sorts". A motion was made by Amy Pieper, seconded by Suzi Ure, to approve minutes as corrected. All were in favor, motion carried, Minutes approved.

### **IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Suzi commented on her attendance at the Friends of the Library meeting at the Highlands Library. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Angelina will send meeting notices and agendas for any future meetings. She discussed the formative process and administrative steps/goals.

Amy commented on a Library tour of the Preston and Sammamish locations she was able to take with Angelina, Renton Site Manager Aaron Oesting, and Robin Pieper (Amy's husband) also attended. Comments were also made about special features such as the water sculpture at the Snoqualmie Library, the fireplace at the Sammamish location and her participation in the Preston sort line.

**VI. CITY REPORT/MARTY WINE**

No City Report because Marty was absent. Terry commented about the continuing progress with KCLS on the Letter of Understanding and site selection.

**VII. KCLS REPORT/ANGELINA BENEDETTI**

Angelina discussed the library's Annual Service Priorities--which are service goals specific to the library cluster--and focus items for the upcoming year. Items discussed in detail included:

- Increased use of Self Service and integration of AMH at the Renton Library
- Facebook page for the Fairwood, Renton, and Highlands Libraries
- Participation in Renton Community Events
- Tech-Connect at the Renton Library

**VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Jeanne Thorson, KCLS Foundation Director, was introduced and gave a Foundation Presentation that included handouts.

Items of discussion included the following:

The 1998 Bond Issue, Friend's Groups, library system's value items/venture capital for different projects, and KCLS Outreach Programs.

She talked about the Foundation Budget and how the Foundation helps to augment King County Library System programs such as: book giveaways, missions to promote Library Literacy, grants, and new funding opportunities.

She mentioned a few funding opportunities such as;

- Story Time/Early Literacy
- Reach Out and Read
- Books for Babies
- Ready-to-Read Guide books, currently being revamped with new guidelines
- English as a Second Language programs
- The "Fiesta" event; an eight week Early Literacy training series held at different locations with Spanish speaking patrons and their children

Jeanne then discussed different reading programs such as You Choose the Next Newbery and a West Auburn High School Teen Librarian Outreach program.

The next topic was annual programs including:

- Read Three Get One Free
- Summer Reading Program
- Global Reading Challenge Program
- Ready-Set-Read

Jeanne talked about forthcoming projects and initiatives:

- Look to Your Library for teens (teen resources/assistance with resumes, interview skills, and applications)
- Job Readiness for English Learners
- Take Time to Read. This three year project started with research funding and systemwide Readers' Advisory training. The launch was in connection with Take Back Your Time Day. The program runs through May 2011 and returns in the Fall.

Other items discussed included short Take Time to Read samples, which were excerpts from books/short stories, etc. These are printed in-house so costs are kept to somewhat of a minimum. Other items include Book Lists, a forthcoming Winter Reading Program for those 18 years of age and older, and the Community Leader Breakfast. This event is held every couple of years and is tentatively scheduled at the Renton Library for April 2011. Other Library Foundation sponsored programs include the Friends Day Event and employee Scholarships for those pursuing Master's Degree in Library Science. The Foundation awards anywhere from five to ten scholarships each year. The Donation arm of KCLS was also discussed.

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Upcoming meetings were discussed:

- January meeting will include more information on library site selection.
- February meeting, to be held at the downtown Renton Library, will include the Master Plan Review. Members were encouraged to do a detailed review and be prepared to discuss this topic at the February meeting.

#### **X. OLD BUSINESS**

The revised Bylaws were briefly discussed and members were encouraged to review them in detail. The goal is to have Bylaws in place after the vote at the January meeting.

**XI. INFORMATION**

Nothing for discussion.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amy Pieper, seconded by Suzi Ure. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 5:30 p.m.**

**Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Telephone (425) 430.6574**



**FEBRUARY MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2011, 5:30 p.m.**

**Downtown Renton Library**

**Telephone (425) 226.6043**